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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS

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1. AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM REF B, PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, CLOSELY MONITORED BY JUSMAG. RESULTING CONSULTATIONS HAVE PRODUCED CONSENSUS WHICH IS REFLECTED IN REF B, AND WHICH I FULLY ENDORSE.

2. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE REQUESTS THAT NO RPT NO NEW U.S. FUNDS WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING WHAT IS NEEDED, AND THAT NO RPT NO CHANGES WILL BE REQUIRED IN PROGRAMS ALREADY FUNDED BY U.S. THEREFORE, THE ACTION WHICH IS REQUIRED IS LIMITED TO EXPEDITING CERTAIN ITEMS IN THE CURRENT MAP PROGRAM, APPROVING CERTAIN COMMERCIAL SALES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO MUNITIONS LICENSING, AND AGREEING TO CERTAIN FMS AND EDD PURCHASE CASES. IN SHORT, WE CAN BE RAPIDLY RESPONSIVE WITHIN THE BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM AT VERY LITTLE COST AND WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE EFFORT. SOME ITEMS REQUIRED MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, SHAKE OUT

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FROM THE CURRENTLY STYMIED TURKISH PROGRAM, OR FROM OTHER

AREAS OF LESSER PRIORITY, WITH EASE.

3. I WOULD CONSEQUENTLY HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE A CLEAN CUT,
FORTHRIGHT RESPONSE SOONEST AND AVOID THE FRUSTRATING RED
TAPE AND DELAYS WHICH HAVE TOO OFTEN IN THE PAST
CHARACTERIZED OUR RESPONSES TO PHILIPPINE REQUESTS. WE
CAN GAIN CONSIDERABLE CREDIT FOR OUR LARGER DEFENSE
INTERESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES BY A MONOR INVESTMENT OF ZEAL
IN RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST.

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